

**CITY OF DEXTER
ARTS, CULTURE, AND HERITAGE COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 2021**

The regular meeting of the City of Dexter Arts, Culture, and Heritage Committee was called to order at 6:33pm via Zoom online meeting platform.

ROLL CALL

Committee Members Present:

Arab – Present remotely in the City of Dexter, MI
Willoughby – Present remotely in Scio Township, MI
Adair – Present remotely in the City of Dexter, MI
Arbour – Present remotely in the City of Dexter, MI (arrived 7:04pm)
Babcock – Present remotely in Dexter Township, MI
Bellas – Present remotely in the City of Dexter, MI
Davis – Present remotely in ~~Webster~~ Scio Township, MI (arrived at 6:52pm)
Fisher – Present remotely in the City of Alma, MI
Giltner – Present remotely in the City of Dexter, MI

Committee Members Absent: Briggs

Student Reps Present:

Marsh – Present remotely in Dexter Township, MI

Student Representatives Absent: Needham – Present remotely in the City of Dexter, MI

Others Present: Justin Breyer, Interim City Manager and City Clerk; Michelle Aniol, Community Development Manager

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion by Fisher; Second by Bellas to approve the minutes from April 7, 2021 as presented.

Unanimous Voice Vote
Motion Adopted

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Willoughby; Second by Fisher to approve the agenda as presented.

Unanimous Voice Vote
Motion Adopted

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE

None

REPORTS

A. CHAIR

Chair Arab reported that the Bicentennial Working Group will be meeting with representatives of other groups on Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 4:00pm.

B. STAFF REPORT

Staff reported on the following items:

- Budget Work Sessions
- Evaluation of 3515 Broad Street for City Offices

C. CITY COUNCIL

Donna Fisher reported that City Council adopted the Arts, Culture, and Heritage Master Plan.

D. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

Morgan Marsh reported that she reached out to the Schools administration about notifying the public about damage to the public sculptures.

E. PROJECT UPDATES FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION OF: BEAUTIFICATION OF DOWNTOWN BARRICADES

The Arts, Culture, and Heritage Committee discussed the following related to the beautification of downtown barricades:

- Rich Bellas gave a summary of DDA's discussion about beautifying the barricades.
- No specific budget discussed by DDA
- Installation of planter boxes with plants such as cascading ivy, herbs, and creeping thyme
- Who would be responsible for maintenance, and would the Garden Club or a nursery be interested in assisting?
 - Girl scout / boy scout troops for volunteer hours
- Canvasses that could be draped and painted-on
- Since flowers will not last until November, should there be two phases?
- Budget figures based on number and dimension of barricades
 - Would businesses contribute?
 - DDA should pay for it as it is a downtown item
- Branding (i.e. brought to you by the Dexter Chamber / DDA / City of Dexter)
- Wood framing that goes above the barricades?
- Children's banner event
- Restrictions on being able to cover the barricades

B. DISCUSSION OF: ALLEYWAY LIGHTING AND SEATING

The Arts, Culture, and Heritage Committee discussed the following related to the alleyway lighting and seating:

- Request received from the Dexter Bakery where the Bakery would pay for the upfront cost and the City would maintain
- Options for furniture
- Could do lighting immediately
- Do the lights on the side of the Bakery currently work?

- Folks generally like the concept of overhead lighting
- Temporary chalk art in the 5' section of sidewalk
- Anchoring bench in the dirt and overhang the sidewalk

C. DISCUSSION OF: PAINT DEXTER PLEIN AIR FESTIVAL

The Arts, Culture, and Heritage Committee discussed the following related to the Paint Dexter Plein Air Festival:

- Meeting with Invoice Cloud
- Discussion about Square

E. CONSIDERATION OF: PUBLIC ARTS VANDALISM

The Arts, Culture, and Heritage Committee discussed the following related to public arts vandalism:

- Discussed sources of vandalism
- Discussed surveillance and camera systems
- Discussed school children's school schedules

D. DISCUSSION OF: REVIEW OF ARTS, CULTURE, AND HERITAGE PROJECTS

Chair Arab presented project concepts, and the Committee discussed the following:

- ACH Master Plan approved
- Discuss theatre project for next meeting

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None

ACTION ITEMS AND PROPOSED BUSINESS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Willoughby, second by Arbour to adjourn at 8:31pm.

Unanimous Voice Vote
Motion Adopted

Respectfully submitted,

Justin Breyer
Interim City Manager and City Clerk